

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The following is a summary of a telephonic interview between Examiner Diaz and Applicants' representative, Michael L. Day on February 2, 2011. Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and consideration.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 36 was discussed

Identification of Cited References Discussed

Crevelt, U.S. Patent 5,902,983.

Proposed Amendments

A clarifying amendment to claim 36 was discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants submitted that Crevelt, even in view of secondary cited references, fails to suggest generating, within a gaming system of a casino, a personal account corresponding to a player, said personal account being subject to direct access and control of the casino, said gaming system comprising a plurality of gaming terminals, and a financial server in communication with the gaming terminals via a communication network; and the financial server performing, at a request of the player, said request being made from at least one of the plurality of gaming terminals, at least one of the following actions: combine player personal accounts, open a new player personal account, and close out an existing player personal account.

Results of Interview

The Examiner will consider Applicants' remarks and claim amendments in the next Office Action.